

When to Use Books

- ▶ one-on-one to comfort a child
- ▶ in a Bible-learning center to reinforce a Bible-teaching aim
- ▶ in large group to reinforce the Bible teaching truth or Bible story
- ▶ at the door as you greet children

Adapted from *Teaching Preschoolers: First Steps Toward Faith* by Sanders and Bradberry, LifeWay Presses, 2000 .

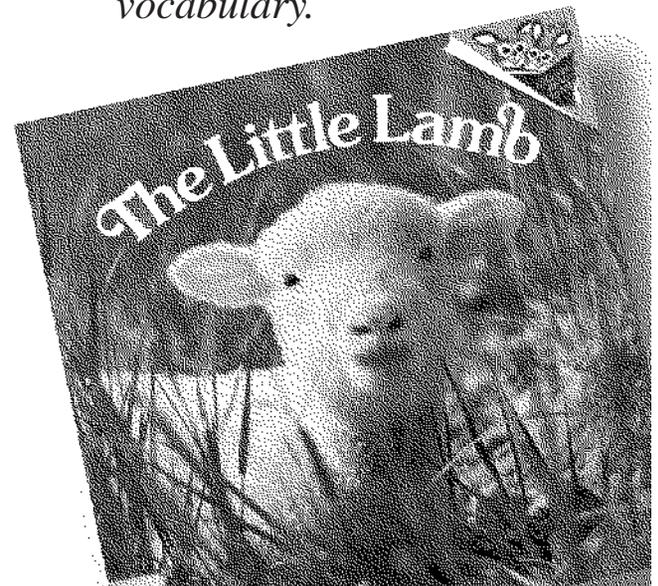
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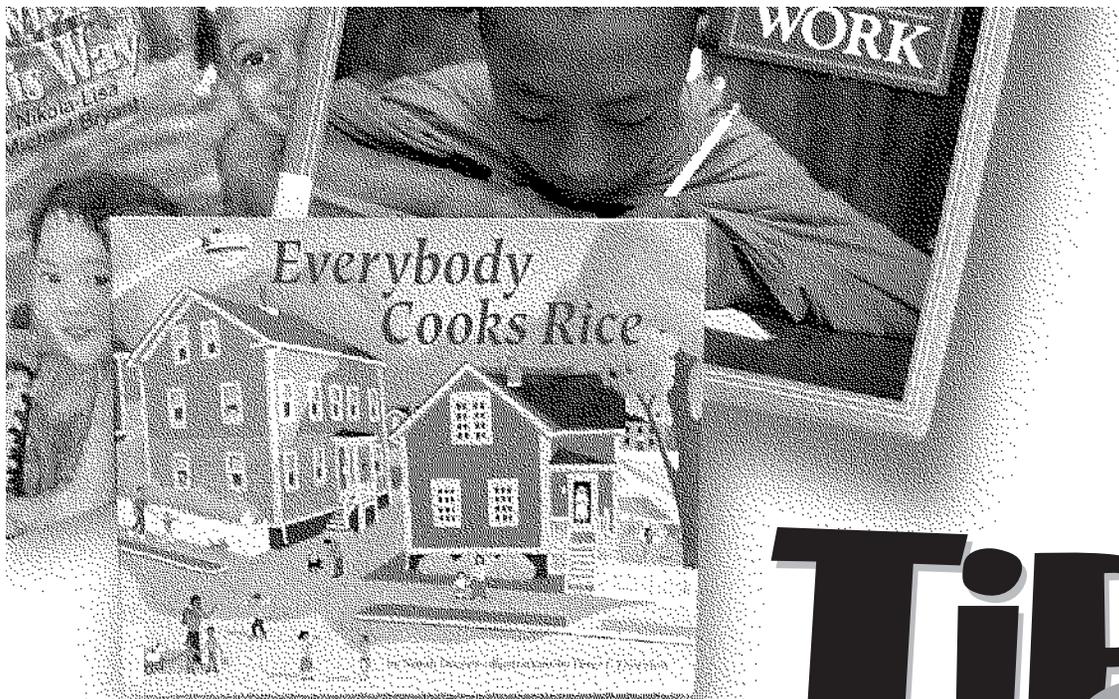
- can be read in 5 minutes or less.
- are written in simple language.
- are durable with hard covers, cardboard or laminate.
- have colorful pictures that are realistic and simple.
- create happy, secure feeling.
- contain repetitive words or phrases.
- do not use fantasy characters or talking animals.

Choose books that:

THROUGH BOOKS, a child . . .

- ▶ learns to problem solve.
- ▶ develops an understanding of how to live and work with others.
- ▶ understands, identifies, and responds to emotional situations.
- ▶ learns listening skills.
- ▶ develops language and vocabulary.





TIPS FOR USING BOOKS

1. *Sit on the floor.*
2. *Hold book so child can see it as you read.*
3. *Encourage preschooler to talk about book.*
4. *Allow preschooler to turn pages.*
5. *Substitute child's name in story as appropriate.*
6. *Respect the child who chooses to look at books alone.*
7. *Provide time to let preschooler ask questions about book, look at pictures, or respond to something in the book.*
8. *Books used in group time should be large enough for everyone to see.*
9. *Encourage preschoolers to play out the story in the homeliving area.*
10. *Allow a younger preschooler to skip around in the book if he or she wants.*

Characteristics of **GOOD BOOKS**

1. **A simple, well-written story line**
2. **Rhyming words and rhythm**
3. **A word or phrase is repeated throughout the story**
4. **Gives children opportunities to name objects, answer a question, or repeat phrases**
5. **Real photographs and illustrations are true to life**
6. **Short enough of children's attention span**
7. **Realistic stories of real-life situations**
8. **Books teaching a value or Bible truth**